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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

While our limited space prevents us from publishing the report of the Kindergartens, we have the pleasure to congratulate the managers upon their admirable success during the past year. The INDEPENDENT always has and ever will support Froebel's principles as so ably carried out by the ladies of Honolulu.

It is regrettable to make the announcement that Professor Lightfoot has resigned as a *didaskalos* to enter into a more profitable career, let us hope, in business. The tact and energy of Mr. Lightfoot have been remarkable especially in his connection with the night schools. He will in many ways be missed from the ranks of our educationalists. He has fought and won noble fights, made an honorable career and now retires bearing on his shoulders the burden of the community's gratitude and regret at his departure. May he be prosperous in his new career is the wish of THE INDEPENDENT and his numerous friends.

Like the telephone girls, the territorial court clerks are having a kick among themselves at the way a certain boss deals out the fishes and the loaves among his personal friends. These clerks claim that, by law, they are ex-officio masters in chancery and to do the auditing of accounts such matters have almost exclusively been hitherto dealt out to them, but they now see, as well as others also see, a new order of things. Malibinis are made court referees, commissioners, etc., and the meagerly paid clerks who are under heavy bonds and who have families to look out for, are set aside, according to the reverse order of things. It is supposed to be the rule that no records go out of the clerk's office, but when an outsider is made a referee he takes them away, thus incurring the risk of loss, and the clerk who has helped an outsider to get at facts and history of estates, will be blamed for the loss if it ever occurs.

As soon as we get a municipal government we trust that an ordinance will be passed regulating the traffic in the streets of Honolulu. The reckless driving allowed in our narrow streets should be checked before some serious accident happens. This morning we noticed a "jam" of vehicles outside the Post Office. There was a garbage cart outside the Schaefer building and a drag outside the Cartwright building. The curb of the Post Office was garnished as usual with bicycles as a lobster salad is with lettuce and half a dozen buggies and phaetons, driven by women, were stopping in what was left of the street. A lady in a phaeton tried to turn her horse when one of the wagons of the quartermaster's department came tearing down Babel street, swinging into Merchant street. Instead of pulling up when he saw the road blocked, the driver pushed his mules on. The

lady in the phaeton backed her horse, capsize a bicycle and got the hind wheels of her vehicle on the sidewalk at the eminent risk of being turned over, to make room for the almighty U. S. uniform and Uncle Sam's four-legged and two-legged mules. Before an accident happened Captain Robert Parker appeared on the scene and grasping the reins of the thoroughly frightened horse, saved the lady from a probably fatal smash-up. The military wagon drove on, and the driver looked back with a broad grin on his face. He evidently enjoyed the "fun." It takes city ordinances to regulate the heedless driving and the ordinances cannot come to soon to suit the taxpayers. Captain Parker cannot be around all the time to prevent collisions.

Looking over the monthly financial statement of the Auditing department for the month of September we notice that the Board of Health has expended \$30,859.84 more during September 1900 than was expended during the corresponding month in 1899. The Board of Health seems to be a perfect Tammany Hall. Money is no object and the board has arrogated to itself the powers of a legislature. We cannot see why the expenses of the board should be increasing at the rate they are, when we haven't got a filthy Chinatown to clean, a bubonic plague to fight or any extraordinary quarantine expenses. As a matter of fact the monthly increase of the thirty odd thousands dollars go to pay salaries to the recently created officials. We recommend to the next legislature to refuse any appropriation in a lump sum to the Board of Health but to make appropriations for individual salaries and named expenditures. There is something rotten in the department somewhere, the extra expenses can certainly not be incurred by government physicians neglecting to examine school children and other striking cesspools to pollute the city.

The present election laws were evidently framed under the impression that we should only poll the 1800 votes as at the last election held under oligarchical control. To-day the indications are that the Honolulu district alone will poll between four and five thousand votes. One precinct alone has already over 1500 voters. And under the present law there will be a congestion at the polling booths which are inadequate in number to accommodate the voters. A computation has been made at more than one headquarters that if even a minimum time allowance is made to each man to mark his ballot in the compartment, and he being an intelligent man, it will take no less than eleven hours to poll the votes, and yet only nine hours are allowed. Why on earth the polls should be opened at the late hour of 8 o'clock and close at the early hour of 5 p. m. is a mystery that no voter can understand. It may be a trick to cut off the laborer's vote. From sunrise to sunset is the American principle; then all have a chance. Then the new system of ballots will be confusing even to the intelligent voter. In the midst of this confusion THE INDEPENDENT suggests that the government furnish, as soon as all the nominations have been made, some thousands of sample ballots to the several party headquarters a few days before election. The voter can then prepare his ballot and by merely copying it save time.

Queen Margherita and the Palmist.

A writer in the "Journal des Debats" asks whether a palmist could have read the tragical fate of King Humbert in his hand, and goes on to relate that a well known palmist was summoned to Italy by "a very exalted personage." The palmist was conducted in a mysterious manner to a house, where she found as her client a masked lady, who acknowledged to her that she feared trouble, a civil war, or an at-

The Girl of To-day

will be the woman of to-morrow. She does not know it, perhaps her mother does not fully understand it, but between the "to-day" when she is a girl and the "to-morrow" when she will be a woman, her life's happiness and health are in the balance. If she is to be a full-breasted, strong, healthy woman she must develop rightly now. She is at a crisis. She needs more strength, more blood to tide it over. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are the one medicine that will give her the strength and make the new blood.

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tempt on the lives of her family or herself. The palmist took her hand, and saw upon the Mount of Mercury a star, which in palmist terminology is always a fatal sign. She announced to the masked lady that she would be unexpectedly widowed by the deed of an assassin. The masked lady, according to the "Debats" correspondent, was Queen Margherita.

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